

BRIMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2017

Present: Mr J Hicks(Chairman), MrPBassil, MrCBrimms, MrDCowdery, MrsMCowdery, MrRSmallwood, the ClerkMrsBHarding and 7 members of the public

1 Apologies for absence: District Councillor Dominic Boeck due to attendance at the District Parish Conference

2 Declarations of interest: none

3 Minutes of previous meeting: approved and signed

4 Matters arising

Bus shelter – Clerk reported that Externiture are no longer able to complete this order within an acceptable time scale. A new supplier, Littlethorpe, has been identified and the Council's preferred choice of model is the Newstead – Clerk to ascertain current price and delivery. If acceptable an order will be placed with this supplier. A local resident, Mr Bob Hope, has kindly offered to install the bus shelter at no cost to the Parish; this can be carried out as soon as the Gigaclear box has been moved. **BH**

Gigaclear – RS advised that Gigaclear will be moving the box and making the connection in November.

5 Internal Checker's half yearly report

RS has circulated the councillors and accounts are in order; he is now obtaining quotations for computer based accounting packages specifically designed for Parish Councils and will bring them to the next meeting. **RS**

6 Communications

RS has requested a domain name for a computer based message board with information filtered through a moderator and it was proposed that the Parish Council will carry out a trial of this scheme as reservations were expressed by CB as to the security of such a system. **RS**

7 District Councillor's Report – none available

8 Update on B3051

Disappointing progress as Hampshire County Council are not interested in changing the speed limit on their share of the road despite West Berkshire being amenable to a revised limit. MC has contacted Hampshire and Basingstoke Police and James Spackman is also endeavouring to obtain statistics of relevant convictions. **MC**

9 Brimpton Common By-way fund

RS, in his role as Internal Checker, has investigated the funds held by the Parish Council and was able to confirm that the fund now stands at zero with no further queries.

10 Update on Recruitment of Clerk

JH confirmed that he had received 4 expressions of interest but as yet no applications. The closing date for applications is 24 November.

11 Clerk's Report:

Financial statement

Current a/c £22398.03

Deposit a/c £11,763.99

Current a/c includes £6800 bus shelter claim, £4.36 IT grant, BPRA £2362.43 and £240 cash

Bills to be paid: Clerk £147.96 Filing cabinet & fittings
Mazars £120.00 External audit

Correspondence: **WBC** Winter Service Plan – Clerk had circulated to Councillors –
Brimpton's roads and pathways will continue to be gritted.

Planning applications:

New none

Current none

Decisions 17/02156 3The Osiers Extension granted

12 Village Hall Committee

New storage radiators are waiting to be fitted.

Children's Christmas Party – no applications for tickets yet received.

13 Other Information Items

Clerk to complain to WBC that nobody on the Council received a copy of the agenda for the District Parish Conference.

The Pineapple pub is still for sale – the Parish Council have been contacted by one prospective purchaser has made contact to see if an application to convert to a private dwelling would be in order.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 5 December 2017

Meeting closed at 20.35